

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/589,496	YEMINI ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4-5-2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12, 14--33 and 35-37.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 14 September 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>3-7-2005</u> | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

Reasons for Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art of record is U.S. Patent No. 5930777 to Barber.

Barber discloses a method of charging a consumer for access, over a network, to a vendor's information. The method includes the process of minting tokens, which are data objects having specific value in credit units, to consumers for use in purchasing access to a particular web page. However, Barber taken either individually or in combination with other prior art of record fails to teach or suggest creating a pricing strategy, by said manager, for said resource in a denomination of electronic security value units, wherein said pricing strategy is dynamically adjustable at any time such that said amount of said payment required for said component to access said resource may be changed at any time by said manager as recited in independent claim 1, said computer uses the electronic security value instrument to control access by said component to said resource based on a price in electronic security value units established for said resource, said quantity of electronic security value units in said instrument as indicated by said first field, and said resource that may be accessed by payment of said electronic security value instrument as indicated by said second field as recited in independent claim 9, a resource manager for determining a pricing strategy in electronic security value units for a group of one or more interfaces for a group of one or more resources in said system, wherein said pricing strategy is dynamically adjustable at any time such that said amount of said payment required for said component to access said particular resource may be changed at any time by said manager as recited in independent claim 11, controlling, by said manager, of access to said resource by said component, based on said price and on an amount of payment from said

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component, wherein said payment is at least a portion of said budget distributed to said component, and wherein said price of said resource is dynamically adjustable at any time such that said amount of said payment required for said component to access said resource may be changed at any time by said manager as recited in independent claim 12 and controlling access to said interface based on a price in electronic security value units established by said manager for said interface and based on an amount of payment by said component, wherein said payment comprises one or more of said electronic security value units previously distributed to said component and said payment is made electronically over said electronic system as recited in independent claim 31.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- US Patent No. 6000032 to Millard discloses an apparatus and method for obtaining a security value that enables a calling module to achieve secure access to a called module within a digital computer.
- WO 98/32066 to McGee discloses a web server, which comprises a session manager that intercepts all incoming requests [the request includes a token] from clients for web pages. The manager compares the token with stored

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tokens and locates an associated URL. Once the URL is located, the web server returns a web page indicated by the URL to the requester.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jalatee Worjloh whose telephone number is (571)272-6714. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Thursdays 8:30 - 7:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on (571)272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306 for Regular/After Final Actions and (571) 273-6714 for Non-Official/Draft.

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Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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